



CCM Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 168 towns and cities.

SB 1001 An Act Concerning Certain Sewage Disposal Systems and Alternative Sewage Treatment Systems.

CCM supports SB 1001 as it would, among other things, increase the capacity by which the Department of Public Health (DPH) would have jurisdiction and the authority to regulate, (1) small community sewage systems from 7,500 gallons or less per day to 10,000 gallons per day, and (2) alternative on-site sewage treatment systems from 5,000 gallons or less per day to 10,000 gallons per day.

Many municipalities are facing consent orders in regards to treating wastewater pollution in certain areas of their town. Some of these communities do not have the ability or it is not feasible to tie into a centralized sewage treatment system and traditional on-site sewage treatment systems are not adequate to address the wastewater pollution occurring in their town.

The innovation happening with on-site alternative treatment systems has highlighted their capability to act as a solution to a town's wastewater problem. Currently, DEEP is slow and has been inflexible in approving these systems below 7,500 gallons per day and towns are incurring ongoing costs trying to comply with DEEP's consent orders.

The technology is available and DPH has proven to be more effective and willing to work with municipalities to address the situation and offer common-sense solutions. This is why it is so important to provide them with the necessary resources to accommodate their oversight with the proposed increase in capacity to 10,000 gallons per day.

Finally, we want to add that improving the process for approval of alternative sewage treatment systems will help with the feasibility and development of affordable housing within these cities and towns.

CCM encourages Committee Members to support SB 1001.



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